

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A voting system provided with regular operating functions ~~(A-Z, 01-40, 2)~~ to regularly vote for at least one candidate and provided with additional operating functions ~~(4, 5, 7, 8)~~ located at or near a front side of the system for persons with a physical disability wherein the additional operating functions ~~(4, 5, 7, 8)~~ are designed for selecting at least one candidate wherein the regular operating functions are provided with regular selection functions ~~(A-Z, 01-40)~~ to select at least one candidate and other regular operating functions [(2)] to cast a vote for at least one selected candidate wherein the other regular operating functions [(2)] are also needed to cast a vote in combination with the additional operating functions ~~(4, 5, 7, 8)~~ wherein the regular selection functions are provided with an operating field ~~(A-Z, 01-40)~~ with candidate fields for showing substantially all candidates eligible for election at the same time wherein each candidate field is manually operable for selecting a corresponding candidate and wherein the additional operating functions are provided with at least one selector ~~(4, 5, 7, 8)~~ for carrying out, in use, substantially all selections to be made for choosing a candidate, wherein the at least one selector [(4)] is located at or near the front side [(F)] of the voting system and wherein the at least one selector comprises a navigator, for instance a joystick or arrow keys and wherein the other regular operating functions comprise at least one voting key [(2)] for

casting a vote for at least one selected candidate said at least one voting key being also provided near and/or at the front side [(F)] of the voting system.

Claim 2 (currently amended): [A] The system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one selector further comprises at least one keyboard ~~(7, 8)~~, for instance an alphanumeric keyboard [(7)] and/or numeric keyboard [(8)].

Claim 3 (currently amended): [A] The system according to claim 2, wherein, during use, coordinates of the candidate field to be chosen can be entered by means of said keyboard ~~(7, 8)~~ to select a desired candidate.

Claim 4 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, provided with a number of light sources [(6)] to indicate a selection made by means of the additional operating functions ~~(4, 5, 6, 7, 8)~~.

Claim 5 (currently amended): [A] The system according to claim 4, wherein each candidate field is provided with a said light source [(6)].

Claim 6 (currently amended): [A] The system according to claim 4 [or 5], wherein said light source [(6)] comprises at least one light and/or at least one LED.

Claim 7 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~at least~~ claim 5, designed to make the light source [(6)] of a selected, but not yet fixed candidate field [(1)] flash during use.

Claim 8 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~at least~~ claim 5, designed to cause the light source [(6)] of a selected, but not yet fixed candidate field [(1)] to be continuously lighted during use.

Claim 9 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, provided with at least one display [(3)] located at or near the front side [(F)] of the voting system, for instance to show operating instructions and/or information regarding a selected candidate.

Claim 10 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the system is provided with a language selector [(9)], for instance a language key, to chose a language, for instance the language in which operating instruction are shown on a display [(3)] of the system, wherein the language selector is preferably located at or near said front side [(F)].

Claim 11 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein one or more operating keys

~~(2, 7, 8, 9)~~ of the system are provided with Braille symbols for operation by visually disabled persons.

Claim 12 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, provided with a voice-response system and/or headphone for the purpose of operation of the voting system.

Claim 13 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, designed for casting several votes per election.

Claim 14 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~at least~~ claim 2, wherein, during use, by means of operation of the alphanumeric keyboard, so-called "write-in" votes, at least votes for a candidate not listed, can be cast.

Claim 15 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein the candidate fields are arranged in columns [(A-Z)] and rows ~~(01-40)~~.

Claim 16 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1, wherein said additional operating functions ~~(4, 5, 7, 8)~~ are located substantially between said front side [(F)] and the said operating field ~~(A-Z, 01-40)~~.

Claim 17 (currently amended): [A] The system according to any preceding claim claim 1, wherein the additional operating functions ~~(4, 5, 7, 8)~~ and the other regular operating functions [(2)] are located at or near the front side [(F)] of the system.

Claim 18 (currently amended): [A] The system according to any preceding claim claim 1, wherein the regular selection functions ~~(A-Z, 01-40)~~ are located at a distance from the front side [(F)] of the system.

Claim 19 (currently amended): [A] The system according to any preceding claim claim 1, wherein the additional operating functions ~~(4, 5, 7, 8)~~ are located substantially between the front side [(F)] of the system and the regular selection functions ~~(A-Z, 01-40)~~.

Claim 20 (currently amended): [A] The system according to any preceding claim claim 1, wherein the additional operating functions are redundant with respect to the regular selection functions.

Claim 21 (currently amended): [A] The system according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1, provided with a voting table [(10)], wherein the voting table [(10)] comprises the candidate fields ~~(A-Z, 01-40)~~ and operating functions, wherein the operating functions comprise the regular operating functions and the additional operating functions ~~(4, 5, 7, 8)~~.

Claim 22 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~any one~~
~~of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the candidate fields ~~(A-Z,~~
~~01-40)~~ are located behind the additional operating functions ~~(4,~~
~~5, 7, 8)~~ for disabled persons, viewed from the front side [(F)] of
the system.

Claim 23 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~any one~~
~~of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein regular operating
functions are substantially all located behind the additional
operating functions, viewed from the front side [(F)] of the
system.

Claim 24 (currently amended): [A] The system according to ~~any one~~
~~of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, comprising a full-face voting
system.

Claim 25 (currently amended): Use of a system according to ~~any one~~
~~of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 to vote for candidates during
elections.